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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR
1959

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Administrative County (in acres)	97,273
Population (Registrar General's Estimate 1959)	23,500
Rateable Value	£260,191
Product of a Penny Rate (Estimated)	£1,040

Vital Statistics

	Male	Female	Total
Births			
Live Births	215	205	420
Legitimate	208	200	408
Illegitimate	7	5	12
Stillbirths	2	5	7
Deaths			
Total	143	109	252
Infant Deaths (Under 1 year)			
Total	4	1	5
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Deaths (Under 4 weeks)			
Total	4	1	5
Infant Deaths (Under 1 week)			
Total	3	1	4

	Rutland	England & Wales
Birth rate per 1000 population	19.8	16.5
Death rate per 1000 population	9.5	11.6
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	11.9	22.0
Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	16.4	20.7
Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1000 live births	11.9	
arly " " " " " " " "	9.5	
Perinatal " " " " " "	25.7	

Illegitimate live births were 2.9% total live births

There were no maternal deaths during 1959.

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1959

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cancer of Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	6	-	6
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	1	5	3	8
Cancer of Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
Cancer of all other sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	1	6	1	12	4	16
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	6	14	11	18	18	36
Coronary Disease, angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	10	8	10	8	24	18	42
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	15	22	20	23	43
Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	4	6	5	11
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	14	7	27	19	53	48	95	76	171

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1959 (contd.)

	0-		1-		5-		15-		25-		45-		65-		75-		All ages		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	2	3	4	7
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	4	10	12	12	24
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	4	2	6
Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostrate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Congenital Malformations	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	4	11	10	21
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6	-	6
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	4	2	6
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
B/Fwd. from previous page	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	14	7	27	19	53	48	95	76	171
Totals (both pages), all causes	4	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	6	5	24	12	40	26	67	65	143	109	252

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Smallpox Vaccination

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the year 1959.

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 and over	Total
Number vaccinated	37	58	21	20	4	140
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	6	40	48

All vaccinations were done by general practitioners.

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation and number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection during the year 1959.			
	Age at date of final injection			
	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 14	Total
Full course	51	183	64	298
Reinforcing	-	7	320	327

Immunisation in Relation to Child Population

Number of children at 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1.1.45.).

Age at 31.12.59. i.e. Born in year	Under 1 1959	1-4 1958-1955	5-9 1950-1954	10-14 1945-1949	Under 15 Total
Last completed course of injections (whether primary or booster) A. 1955 - 1959	52	873	844	565	2334
B. 1954 or earlier	-	-	565	1168	1733
C. Child population from County School & Birth Registers.	400	1500	3600		5500
Percentage Immunity	13%	58%	87%		74%

Whooping Cough Immunisation

0 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	Total
51	2	53

(These injections were all given at Infant Welfare Centres).

* (Injections were given at general practitioners surgeries, schools and infant welfare centres).

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Year ending 31st December, 1959

Class	Number vaccinated with two injections.
Children born in the years 1943 to 1959	770
Young Persons born in the years 1933 to 1942	796
Expectant Mothers	115
General Practitioners and their families	2
Total	1683

Number of persons who received a third (re-inforcing) injection at 31.12.59.

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Tuberculosis

New Cases:	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
Age Groups	M	F	M	F
10 - 15	-	1	-	-
15 - 20	1	-	1	1
20 - 25	1	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-
35 - 45	1	1	-	-
45 - 55	1	1	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-
65 - 75	-	1	-	-
over 75	1	-	-	-
Totals	5	5	1	1

There was one death from tuberculosis during the year.

The Health Visitor paid 160 visits of enquiry to the homes of notified cases of tuberculosis and arranged for examination of contacts by the Chest Physician; and reported on home conditions. She also attends the chest clinics at Melton Mowbray and Stamford Hospitals for case consultations with the Chest Physicians on matters affecting the patients' families. Cases considered to be inadquately housed are referred by the Health Committee to the Local Sanitary Authority with a recommendation for re-housing where possible. Nursing requisities, extra bedding and garden shelters are provided where necessary.

There were 5 patients receiving free milk at the end of the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Number skin tested	14
Number found positive	-
Number found negative	14
Number vaccinated	21 (7 infants not skin tested).

Vaccination of B.C.G. contacts was carried out by the Chest Physicians.

The skin testing of contacts is normally carried out by the Health Visitor - Miss M.B. Welsh.

CARE OF MOTHERS & YOUNG CHILDREN

Infant Welfare Centres are held as follows:-

Oakham	2nd and 4th Wednesday	each	month	at	2.30.p.m.
Uppingham	1st and 3rd "	"	"	at	2.30.p.m.
Ketton	1st and 3rd Tuesday	"	"	at	2.30.p.m.
Empingham	1st Wednesday	"	"	at	2.30.p.m.
Exton	3rd Wednesday	"	"	at	2.30.p.m.
Cottesmore Aerodrome	2nd and 4th Thursday	"	"	at	2.00.p.m.
Edith Weston	2nd and 4th Tuesday	"	"	at	2.30.p.m.

Attendance here is now restricted to R.A.F. families only on account of security measures.

The centre at the North Luffenham Aerodrome was closed as suitable accommodation was not available and a new centre was opened at the Village Hall, Edith Weston.

Number of children who attended the above Centres during the year:-

Born in:-			Total number of children who attended during year
1959	1958	1957 - 54	
153	133	107	393

Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:-			
Under 1 year	1 but under 2	2 but under 5	Total Attendances
1266	356	203	1825

HEALTH VISITING

	Number of Visits to Children			
	Under 1 year		1 - 2years	2 - 5years
No. of children under 5 visited	First Visit	Subsequent Visits	Total Visits	Total Visits
1289	383	396	860	508

Other cases visited 330
Total number of families visited ... 1089

The figure given under "other cases visited" includes visits to the aged and infirm, mental defectives under statutory supervision, problem families, sociological (for patients proposed admission to a chronic sick or maternity hospital) and to householders where a case of tuberculosis has been notified.

In addition to the routine visiting of babies and toddlers the Health Visitors also investigate applications for admission to Catmose Vale (long-stay) Hospital, Oakham and for admission to maternity accommodation. They also consult with the Children's Officer about problem families.

Both Health Visitors have other specific duties; Miss Samuel is the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives and Miss Welsh acts as Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

(Sections 23 & 25 N.H.S.Act)

Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives

Miss J.K. Samuel, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

	Oakham Mrs.Williamson (née Langley) ø	Uppingham Mrs.Ascott Mrs.Love (both) ø	Luffenham Mrs. Pearson ø ⌘	Ryhall Miss Jackson ø	Langham Miss Joyce ø ⌘	Market Overton Mrs. Carnachan ø	Total
ases							
idwifery & aternity	6	8	24	16	10	22	86
idwifery ischarged efore 14th day	1	9	12	10	2	14	48
eneral	120	157	45	39	138	57	556
isits							
idwifery & aternity	172	242	266	443	324	501	1948
idwifery ischarged efore 14th day	6	58	68	10	51	198	391
eneral	1641	2633	746	442	1418	663	7543
ther visits	-	-	8	1	13	123	145
nte-natal & ost-natal	117	119	250	191	143	544	1364
ttendances t I.W.C.	11	24	-	-	11	13	59
o. of times as & air given	2	3	18	16	8	21	68
ethidine given Dr's present)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ethidine given Dr's not present)	3	2	13	14	7	20	59

ø S.R.N. ⌘ Queen's Nurse.

Mrs. Ascott is employed on Home Nursing duties only.

Miss Seymour, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., is employed on a part-time bases as Relief urse/Midwife.

Each midwife is off duty one day each week and one weekend every month.

Every general practitioner on the Obstetric list is given information about idwives available and their telephone numbers. Each maternity case is given a card n booking listing the midwives, their addresses and telephone numbers.

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	AMBULANCES AND DUAL PURI OSE VEHICLES						HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE		KESTEVEN AGENCY					
Base	Oakham						Rutland		Ketton Area					
	Morris		Austin		Bedford		Cars		Ambulances		Dual-Purpose Vehicles		Quarterly	Total
1959	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P
January	1452	97	2176	183	2884	199	2996	274)	3255	319	2114	169	30862	2612
February	1656	143	1533	177	2173	147	3418	318)						
March	1307	141	1633	140	1109	89	3156	216)						
April	1153	104	1919	183	2133	236	3564	328)	1947	176	1856	100	30099	2763
May	1346	115	1729	244	2023	133	2577	201)						
June	1335	159	1943	196	2125	198	4449	390)						
July	1158	80	1962	204	2025	176	4866	407)	2029	188	1258	90	29824	2710
August	976	72	2197	242	1774	158	2489	180)						
September	1313	113	1927	230	1932	210	3918	360)						
October	1367	180	2039	275	1602	233	4385	239)	3056	290	2097	146	34197	3043
November	1162	63	2069	208	1853	141	4240	384)						
December	2432	114	2058	296	1698	150	4139	324)						
Total	16657	1381	23185	2578	23331	2068	44197	3621	10287	973	7325	505	124982	11128

AMBULANCE SERVICE

	Directly Controlled Service						Agency Service			
	Ambulances		Hospital Cars		Total		St. Johns Ambulance Brigade and Kesteven C.C.*			
							Ambulances		Sitting-Case Vehicles	
Year	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients	Mileage	Patients
1949	20,233	1,266	27,749	1,718	47,982	2,889	1,883	281	17,639	900
1950	29,007	1,848	26,118	1,798	55,125	3,646	3,073	310	17,419	942
1951	41,053	2,806	15,778	1,222	56,831	4,028	2,921	320	20,007	1,294
1952	48,611	3,668	21,694	1,855	70,305	5,523	2,337	320	22,969	1,830
1953	60,439	3,901	26,664	2,035	87,103	5,936	2,632	189	15,460	1,186
1954	56,631	3,971	40,653	2,518	97,284	6,489	3,324	247	13,891	977
1955	58,140	4,658	61,171	4,000	119,311	8,658	2,675	222	8,907	642
1956	68,313	5,423	43,072	3,127	111,385	8,550	2,970	248	6,791	495
1957	73,533	6,176	42,707	2,793	116,240	8,969	6,944	562	3,894	361
1958	72,630	5,941	30,982	2,256	103,612	8,197	10,141	987	7,843	614
1959	63,173	6,027	44,197	3,621	107,370	9,648	10,287	973	7,325	505

*Kesteven County Council from March, 1958.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

(Section 29 N.H.S.Act)

(County Organiser - Councillor Mrs. T.I. Street, M.B.E.)

Cases Table

	Total	Cases included in previous column in which help began prior to 1959
Maternity	10	-
Tuberculosis	2	-
Geriatric	51	33
Others	15	9
Total:	78	42

On 31st December, 1959, there were 28 Home Helps employed:-

8 part-time on a guaranteed week of 15 hours,
20 casual workers for cases in outlying districts.

The total number of cases attended by the Home Helps increased considerably during 1959. Requests were made for maternity cases and requests for domestic help for the elderly continued to increase. In most of the Geriatric cases the help was supplied free of charge. The possibility of providing a Home Help is always considered when an application is received for the investigation of patients for chronic sick hospitals and welfare homes. This policy helps to reduce pressure on the demand for hospital beds and the elderly people to retain their independence by remaining at home.

Applications for a Home Help are usually made by doctors, district nurses, health visitors, voluntary organisations and by householders themselves. Some difficulty may be experienced in providing a Home Help to meet every request. Every effort is made to employ a woman from the village in which the patient resides rather than sending a Home Help from Oakham or a neighbouring village.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

Distribution of Welfare Foods continued to run smoothly with the able assistance of the W.V.S. Arrangements continued for beneficiaries on the County periphery to obtain supplies from more accessible centres situated outside Rutland.

There are 22 distribution centres in the County (including the main depot at Oakham and the Ketton Infant Welfare Centre).

National Dried Milk, full cream and half cream,	Tins	8672
Cod Liver Oil,	Bottles	1030
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets,	Packets	844
Orange Juice,	Bottles	10122

SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

(Duly Authorised Officer - E.B. Pearson)

Lunacy Act, 1890

The following is a summary of the cases dealt with during the year (1 under Section 16, 16 under Section 20).

Carlton Hayes Hospital				Rauceby Mental Hospital			
Sections 16 and 20				Section 20			
Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
6	9	4	5	1	1	1	1

Mental Treatment Act, 1930

The number of cases admitted to hospitals during the year was as follows:-

Carlton Hayes Hospital				Rauceby Mental Hospital							
Voluntary/Informal				Voluntary/Informal				Totals			
Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges		Admissions		Discharges	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
10	5	8	6	4	7	7	8	14	12	15	14

Day Hospital

A number of patients were treated at Drury House Day Hospital attached to Carlton Hayes Hospital.

Mental Health Act.1959

The Mental Health Bill became law on 29th July 1959 and will come into operation on such date as the Minister may by order appoint (Section153)- different dates may be appointed by order for different purposes of the act.

Circular 27/59(Commencement No.1.Order). Authorises from 6th October(or rather regularises what has been the practice for the past year) the informal admission of patients,who are not unwilling, to designated mental hospitals,registered hospitals, licensed house and other hospitals. Informal admission to mental hospitals will now usually be arranged by the patients'own doctor instead of using the procedure laid down in the Lunacy and Mental Treatments Acts.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS, 1913 - 1948

	Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
	M	F	M	F
Particulars of cases reported during 1959				
1.(a) Cases ascertained to be defectives "Subject to be dealt with":- Number in which action taken on reports by:				
(1) Local Education Authorities on children				
(i) While at school or liable to attend school	3	1	-	-
(ii) On leaving special schools	-	-	1	-
(iii) On leaving ordinary schools	-	-	-	-
(2) Police or by Courts	-	-	-	-
(3) Other sources	-	-	-	-
Total	3	1	1	-
(b) Cases reported who were found to be defectives but were not regarded as "subject to be dealt with" on any ground ..	-	-	-	-
(c) Cases reported who were not regarded as defectives	-	-	-	-
(d) Cases reported in which action was incomplete at 31st December	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
2. **Disposal of cases reported during 1959**				
(a) Of the cases ascertained to be defectives "subject to be dealt with":-				
(i) Placed under Statutory Supervision.	2	1	1	-
(ii) Placed under Guardianship	-	-	-	-
(iii) Taken to "Places of Safety"	-	-	-	-
(iv) Admitted to Hospitals	1	-	-	-
Total	3	1	1	-
(b) Of the cases not ascertained to be defectives "subject to be dealt with":-				
(i) Placed under Voluntary Supervision.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Action unnecessary	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
(c) Cases reported at 1(a) or (b) above who removed from the area or died before disposal was arranged	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
3. **Number of mental defectives for whom care was arranged by the local health authority under Circular 5/52 during 1959 and admitted to:-**				
(a) National Health Service hospitals	2	1	-	-
(b) Elsewhere	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	-	-

	Under age 16		Aged 16 and over	
	M	F	M	F
4. Total cases on Authority's Registers at 31.12.59.				
ø (i) Under Statutory Supervision	4	2	22	22
(ii) Under Guardianship (including patients on licence)	-	-	-	2
(iii) In "Places of Safety"	-	-	-	-
(iv) In Hospitals (including patients on licence)	3	2	18	25
(v) Under Voluntary Supervision	-	-	-	-
Total	7	4	40	49
5. Number of defectives under Guardianship on 31st December, 1959 who were dealt with under the provisions of Section 8 or 9, Mental Deficiency Act, 1913 (included in 4(ii))	-	-	-	-
6. Classification of defectives in the Community on 31.12.59. (according to need at that date)				
(a) Cases included in 4(i)-(iii) in need of hospital care and reported accordingly to the hospital authority:-				
(1) In urgent need of hospital care:-				
(i) "Cot and Chair" cases	-	-	-	-
(ii) Ambulant Low grade cases	1	1	-	-
(iii) Medium grade cases	-	-	-	-
(iv) High grade cases	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-
(2) Not in urgent need of hospital care:-				
(i) "Cot and Chair" cases	-	-	-	-
(ii) Ambulant Low grade cases	-	-	1	2
(iii) Medium grade cases	-	1	1	-
(iv) High grade cases	-	-	1	-
Total	-	1	3	2
TOTAL OF URGENT AND NON-URGENT CASES	1	2	3	2
(b) Of the cases included in items 4(i),(ii) and (v), number considered suitable for:-				
(i) Occupation centre	1	1	-	-
(ii) Industrial centre	-	-	-	-
(iii) Home training	5	2	1	2
Total	6	3	1	2
(c) Of the cases included in 6 (b), number receiving training on 31.12.59.:-				
(i) * In occupation centre (including voluntary centres	1	1	-	-
(ii) In industrial centre	-	-	-	-
(iii) From a home teacher in groups	-	-	-	-
(iv) From a home teacher at home (not in groups)	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-

ø 112 visits were paid by the Health Visitors to cases under Statutory Supervision.

* Attending the Occupation Centre maintained by the Soke of Peterborough C.C.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Sampling was carried out by Mr. H. Tabberer, Public Health Inspector to the Oakham Urban District Council (by arrangement with his Authority). The total number of samples taken during the year was 46; with two exceptions all were satisfactory.

Article	Formal	Informal	Article	Formal	Informal
Milk	12	1	Meat Paste	-	2
Fish Paste	-	3	Plum Pudding	-	1
Grape fruit juice	-	1	Orange Squash	-	1
Synthetic Cream	-	1	Vinegar	2	-
Beer	-	2	Margarine	-	4
Coca Cola	-	1	Fruit Pie	-	1
Orange Juice	-	2	Ribena	-	1
Cough Syrup	-	2	Creamed Rice Pudding	-	1
Scone Mixture	-	1	Pastry Mix	-	1
Chicken & Ham Paste	-	1	Sardine & Tomato Paste	-	1
Royal Chiffon Lemon) Sweet)	-	1	Suet (Shredded beef)	-	2

The unsatisfactory samples

One of the unsatisfactory samples was of milk deficient in fat. Investigation of the milk from individual cows which had contributed to the sample analysed gave equally poor results discounting the possibility of adulteration by added water. The retailer has since given up milk production.

The other sample was of cough syrup in which there was a deficiency of chloroform - a not uncommom occurence as some of the chloroform evaporates and thus a sample may show a low figure.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194. Public Health Act, 1936)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	2	-	45	45

Health Education

Use is made of publicity material available from the Central Council of Information and the Central Council for Health Education. Posters and leaflets are used at the School Clinic (waiting room) and Infant Welfare Centres and school canteens are supplied with posters on food hygiene.

Naturally much health education is given by the Health Visitors and School Nurse during domiciliary visits and at Infant Welfare Centres.

National Assistance Act,1948
Welfare of Disabled Persons (Sections 29 & 30)

Welfare of the Blind.

he Royal Leicester,Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind continues to ct as the agent of the County Council, who make an annual contribution.(The Rutland epresentative on the Committee is Mrs.G.A.Ream of Uppingham.) The following articulars have been kindly supplied by Mr.C.Brown the Secretary of the Blind Institution.

egistered Blind Persons in Rutland.

Age Groups.

0-4	5-10	11-15	16-20	21-29	30-39	40-49	50-59
0	1	1	0	0	1	6	4
60-64	**65-69**	**70-79**	**80-84**	**85-89**	**90**	**Total**	
6	3	13	5	7	2	49 (17 males 32 Females)	

Age at onset of Blindness.

0-4	5-10	11-15	16-20	21-29	30-39	40-49	50-59
4	1	0	1	2	4	5	4
60-64	**65-69**	**70-79**	**80-84**	**85-89**	**90**		
9	3	9	4	3	0		

wo Men (60-64 Group) were employed. One man (aged 50) underwent a course of three onths Industrial Rehabilitation at the National Institute of the Blind Centre at Torquay. ne man is at St.Dunstans.
here are two blind children: a girl at a special school for the Blind and a boy in a ental Defective Institution.
[illegible] new cases were registered in 1959. ~~Two males (40-49 age group) and one male Between 70-79)~~ + [illegible]

he Home Teacher (Mrs.Wilkinson) made 304 visits, and gave 14 lessons and held 8 andicraft sessions at Stud House during the year.

i-monthly social events continued to be held at Uppingham. The valuable assistance iven by members of Voluntary Organisations throughout the County in entertaining and ransporting the blind and their guides is greatly appreciated: many of the blind people re elderly and it is only on these occasions they have the chace to get away from heir houses and mix with other similarly handicapped.

Partially Sighted Register.

he number on the register 1st. January,1959.	19
he number on the register 31st.December,1959	22

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Welfare of Disabled Persons. (Sections 29 and 30)

The Royal Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Institution for the Blind have kindly supplied the following information:-

A. Follow up of Registered Blind and Partially Sighted Persons.

	Cause of Disability.			
	Cataract	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia	Others.
(i) Number of cases registered during the year in respect of which para.7.(c) of Forms B.D.8. Recommends:-				
(a) No treatment	1	2	-	4
(b) Treatment (Medical, Surgical or Optical)	4	-	-	3
(ii) Number of cases at (i)(b) above which on follow-up action have received treatment.	1 Surgical 4 Medical	- -	- -	- -

B. Opthalmic neonatorum.

(i) Total number of cases notified during the year.	Nil
(ii) Number of cases in which:- (a) Vision lost (b) Vision impaired (c) Treatment continuing at end of year.	Nil

Welfare of the Deaf and Dumb

A scheme for the provision of Welfare Services for Persons who are Deaf and Dumb was approved by the County Council on the 19th February, 1959.

An annual grant of £25 is made to the Northamptonshire and Rutland Mission to the Deaf, who give valuable help - on an agency basis - in promoting the welfare of the deaf and dumb in the County.

The objects of this Society which is registered under the National Assistance Act, 1948 are shortly:-

1. To keep a register of deaf persons in the geographical counties of Northampton and Rutland, and such other records as are required by the appropriate Public Authorities.

2. To assist deaf children within the aforementioned counties to obtain admission to, and to attend, suitable schools.

3. To assist in provision of facilities for the education of adult deaf persons resident within the aforementioned counties whose education has been neglected.

4. To co-operate with the appropriate public authorities in the promotion of the welfare of the deaf.

Lip reading and club activities are available at Kettering, Corby and Peterborough, with over-night accommodation if desired.

Three men from Rutland, all in full-time employment, are on the books of the Society.

One woman, who is deaf, dumb and blind, has been in the British Home for the Deaf and Dumb, 25, Clapton Common, London, E.5. since 1954.

(The Chaplin Secretary is the Rev. Kenneth Earle, B.A.; St.Marks Institute for the Deaf, Northampton.)

Welfare of other Handicapped Persons

Epileptics

One young woman of 18 who had been an inmate of the David Lewis Colony, Cheshire since 1954 was withdrawn from the Colony as she had not had an attack of epilepsy for a considerable time. She was found work in Uppingham.

Spastics

One man of 30 who had been an inmate of Prested Hall, Feering, Kelvedon (a centre of the National Spastic Society) since 1956 has returned home as it was not possible to find him suitable employment. The Ministry of Health provided him with a motor propelled tricycle and the County Council contributed to the cost of adapting the approach to the shed where it is housed.

A youth (aged 19) has been at Hovendon House, Fleet, Spalding since 1958. It is a Cheshire Foundation Home where permanently disabled persons are encouraged to lead useful and happy lives and encouraged to learn handicrafts.

Medical Loan Depots.

This service is organised by the British Red Cross Society (County Director- Mrs.Drage) The larger articles--Wheel Chairs,crutches,bed rests and tables can be obtained on request from the Red Cross Offices,56,High Street,Oakham or from the Health Department,County Offices,Oakham.Smaller items are held by village representatives of the Red Cross.

RURAL WATER SUPPLIES & SEWERAGE ACTS. 1944-55

The following schemes were approved by the County Council during the year:-

Oakham Rural District.

Water supply to the Parish of Brooke.

Revised Sewage & Sewage Disposal to the Parish of Empingham.

Uppingham Rural District.

Water supply to Ridlington and Preston.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the Parish of Morcott.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the Parish of Barrowden.

New sewage disposal works and the drainage of the London Road area of Uppingham not at present served by a piped sewer (the New Disposal Works will be capable of dealing with sewage from the parishes of Bisbrook & Seaton at a later date if necessary).

Ketton Rural District.

Water Supply to the Parish of Ketton.

Water Supply to the Parish of Clipsham.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the Parish of Little Casterton.

Oakham Urban District.

Construction of new Sewers to provide for main draining to relieve flooding and also to provide land needed in future development.